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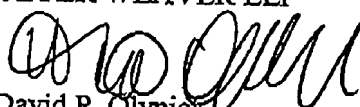
Two different Groups are set forth in the Restriction Requirement as follows:

- I: Claims 1-16 and 41-42, drawn to an apparatus (gaming machine and peripherals communication), classified in class 463, subclass 36, 37 and 42.
- II: Claims 17-40 and 43-48, drawn to a method of communication between gaming machines (networks), classified in class 463, subclass 42.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, group I, claims 1-16 and 41-42, to prosecute in the above-identified patent application.

It is believed that no fees are due at this time. If any fees are due in connection with this Response to Restriction Requirement or for this application in general, however, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-0388 (Order No. IGT1P060X2). If there are any questions or issues remaining, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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